Earning Money for Navajo Ministries School – One Clip at a Time

General Mills Box Tops for Education and Campbell's Labels for Education have provided major benefits to the Navajo Ministries On-Site School for the past decade. The Box Tops program has brought in more than $17,000 since the 2001-2002 school year, and the Campbell’s Labels have provided points used toward needed equipment purchases, such as computers.

Please continue to look for these familiar items and take a few moments to clip the box tops and labels to help provide needed supplies and equipment for our On-Site School. Kay Baker, Director of Partnership Ministry, said there are a number of ways friends of Navajo Ministries can get involved.

“A recent note from a donor shared how she contacted her local food bank about Campbell’s products,” she said. “They had cases of Campbell’s soup that was outdated and they were going to throw them away. They allowed her to come to the food bank and clip the Campbell’s UPC before they threw the cans away. That’s just another way folks may be able to help us collect.”

Kay also added that churches are a wonderful way to get many people collecting box tops and labels.

“Perhaps a church could have one person designated to set up a collection box and check it periodically, sending us the box tops and UPCs,” she added.

Thanks so much to everyone who has already helped us through the years with this amazing effort. For a total list of participating products, visit boxtops4education.com and labelsforeducation.com.

You may then mail the box tops and labels to:
Kay Baker, Navajo Ministries,
PO Box 1230, Farmington, NM 87499

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For more information contact Kelly at kellyk@NavajoMinistries.org or 505.325.0255.
Navajo Ministries was established in 1953 for the purpose of caring for dependent children, regardless of race, religion or national origin, and for printing and distributing Navajo tracts and hymnals.

The ministry has expanded over the years to include: a non-commercial Christian radio station, KNMI Vertical Radio 88.9 FM; an On-Site School; Counseling Center; Navajo Nation Outreach, providing spiritual, emotional and material encouragement to those living in Navajoland.

When a donor expresses a preference as to the use of donated funds, Navajo Ministries will make every effort to honor their request and in most cases this is done in exact compliance with the donor’s wishes. However, the Board of Directors, in ensuring that Navajo Ministries carries out its exempt purposes required by law and effectively uses available funds, accepts the responsibility of applying funds in accordance with objectives of the ministry.

Views and opinions expressed in Navajo Neighbors by those interviewed are not necessarily those of Navajo Ministries.

Navajo Ministries is a Charter Member in good standing with ECFA (Evangelical Council for Financial Accountability).
Happy Moments in the Heartland

It was a blessing for Kay and me to travel with Joe and Gerri Begay this spring as we spoke in many churches and visited in the homes of friends and supporters in our nation’s heartland.

Crossing over the border of Southern Michigan we were in mission founder “Jack Drake’s country.” As we drove through those rolling hills and villages we were reminded of Jack’s recollection of his early days - being born in Hillsdale County, living in the small community of Moscow, surrounded by Jerome where his doctor lived, Hanover where he attended school, North Adams where he attended church and Jonesville, their post office. As Jack would always say after this rundown, “If I don’t quit soon, you’ll think I was a country boy.”

One of the highlights of our trip was connecting with one of our former mission kids, Rodena Willie. She was here with a sister and brother in the early 1980s. She recalled visiting some friends from school that lived at the mission at the time and liked what she saw. Her natural home was unstable due to alcohol abuse, and she found her five-year stay to be a good experience.

After graduation from high school, Rodena attended San Juan College and then went on to New Life Bible College for three years in Tennessee. Rodena recalled, “During my third year I did internship working at a small church on the Cherokee Reservation (Church of the Lamb) in North Carolina. I led the Children’s Church, which included a wide range of ages.” Then God began to speak to her about moving on to a new area of ministry.

We met Rodena at the Joyce Meyer Ministries in St. Louis, where she has worked for the past 10 years. We were given a tour of this world-wide ministry where Rodena serves in the Call Center, answering phones, taking orders and contacting partners.

As we prepared to leave, I asked Rodena what she would have to share with some of her former sponsors who may read this article. She was quick to respond, saying, “Thank you. If it wasn’t for your support I wouldn’t be here in ministry today. Without your prayers I might have gone down the wrong paths in my life.”

I want to echo her gratefulness. Through the support of many over the years, hundreds of boys and girls received direction in their lives during their stay with us. Friends who pray for these children and give regular financial support frequently share the blessings they receive from being a part of a child’s life. If you are interested in learning more about our child sponsorships visit our Web Site at www.NavajoMinistries.org or call 888.325.0255.

James D. Baker, President

Rodena Willie, who lived at Navajo Ministries for five years as a child in the 1980s, now works for the Joyce Meyer Ministries in St. Louis.
Bi-Fly Fishing Tournament
Reels in Record Catch

The 17th annual San Juan River Bi-Fly Fishing Tournament set an all-time record for funds raised at almost $69,000 August 20-21! All of the proceeds from this amazing tournament go to help pay for operational costs at The Four Corners Home for Children.

The previous record was $64,000, and this year’s total was about $20,000 more than last year’s amount. Many factors contributed to the large increase, but most importantly anglers collected many more pledges for the largest fish they caught during the two-day event.

A special thank you goes out to everyone involved in this wonderful tournament, which has raised more than $500,000 for the childcare program at Navajo Ministries since its inception. And, yes, we’re already taking team entries for next year. For more information, contact Bi-Fly Coordinator Bob Fitz at 505.402.6995.

More Funding Comes in for Capital Campaign

Members of the ConocoPhillips Philanthropic Committee hold up a Mark Silversmith print that commemorates the Navajo Heritage Center project at Navajo Ministries during a luncheon event in the spring. Individuals and organizations who give at least $10,000 or more to the project are presented this wonderful piece of artwork, which shows a young Navajo mother caring for her baby, who is in a traditional Navajo cradleboard.

The Navajo Heritage Center capital campaign project began about two years ago, and now phase one of this exciting endeavor is under way. The Education and Activity Center (see recent photo on the back of this magazine) is under construction and will provide new classroom space for the On-Site School, a small library, a games and activity area, a new central kitchen and cafeteria, and more. Nearly $1.1 million has been raised as of August 2010 toward the project, which will eventually include a museum-based experience that will celebrate the great Navajo people. More information is available online at www.navajoheritagecenter.org – or feel free to contact Director of Development Eric Fisher, 505.324.5260 or Fisher@NavajoMinistries.org, for more information.

Farmington Chamber Redcoats Honor Navajo Ministries

The Farmington Chamber of Commerce Redcoat Ambassadors paid Navajo Ministries a special visit on August 18 to recognize our organization as being a valued Chamber member for the past 17 years. Navajo Ministries also thanks the Farmington Chamber for its support of our programs over the years.

Jefferson Church Provides Roof for House of Hope

Navajo Ministries would like to thank Jefferson Community Church from Jefferson, Colorado, for spending a week with us in June to put on a new roof for our House of Hope (formerly Kids in Crisis) home. The church, a faithful supporter for years, provided all of the labor and materials to give us a much-needed new roof on this aging building. Again, thanks for all you do for us!
Most importantly, though, James and Ernie will tell anyone that their successes of today are entirely due to their faith in Jesus Christ. Turning their lives over to Jesus when the going was extremely tough turned out to be the best decisions either man made.

“I had become one of those people walking the streets, looking for their next drink,” James said. “I asked myself, ‘what have I become?’ I was stealing jewelry from my mother. God stepped in and said, ‘this is not what I have planned for you.’ I became sober, with God’s help, on July 17, 1996.”

While James Junes overcame his alcohol addiction 14 years ago, Ernest Tsosie was still drinking when the two men met at a comedy contest in Farmington, New Mexico in 2001.

“James didn’t know it at the time, but I was a closet alcoholic when we first met,” Ernie said. “The Lord began to put me on a path of spiritual sobriety. I wasn’t working, just had a DUI, and it was a real time of tragedy when I cried out for Jesus. I hated alcohol that very night. I had to bring Jesus back into the equation. It was a miraculous sobriety. I’m now in my eighth year of complete and total sobriety.”

James and Ernie have been doing stand-up comedy full-time together since 2002. Their comedy routine combines a consistently positive message with performances that have made many cry tears of laughter. Their humor topics range from family relationships to their experiences of living on the Navajo Nation. Mutton stew, frybread, grandma, shopping at Wal-Mart … and the list goes on.

“We’re free from drugs, alcohol and domestic violence – and now we’re even sugar-free,” Ernie said with a laugh during Jim Baker’s “Four Corners Spotlight” radio program during a stop at Navajo Ministries in June.

“And, we’re almost fat-free, too,” James quickly chimed in, with perfect comedic timing.

These two have God-given talents for making people laugh, whether
on stage or between breaks on a radio show. Their website, www.jamesandernie.com, says it all: “We’re two dudes in good moods; We’re Native boys makin’ noise …”

The Birth of a Friendship, and a Comedy Team

Flash back to April 2001 and that first meeting at the comedy contest at the Farmington Civic Center. James and Ernie were two of 22 contestants to enter the first-ever Native American Stand-Up competition.

“I first saw him across a dimly lit room,” Ernie joked.

“What really happened is I saw this guy, who was Ernie, doing tongue-twisters before he went on stage. He was saying, ‘peter piper picked a pack of pickled peppers’ over and over … so, I went and got him a pickle,” James added, followed by more laughter.

Yes, with these two, the laughs don’t stop.

Eighteen of those who originally signed up for the competition never made it to the stage. And, while both James and Ernie admit to struggling through big-time nerves, they finished first and second, with James barely winning the contest.

That first competition, in front of hundreds of people at the Farmington Civic Center, proved that they both had the stuff to make it as comedians. For the next year, they refined their solo acts in and around the Navajo Nation. The birth of the “James and Ernie” comedy duo actually happened by accident in Tuba City, Arizona.

“I guess you can blame it on ‘Indian Time.’ Most Indian events are way behind schedule, so they asked us at this comedy event in Tuba City if we could go on together. We said we’d give it a shot,” Ernie said. “We did this bit called ‘Jerome and Sally’ and the crowd really received us. We knew they were instantly into what we were doing.”

Ernie, a former archeologist who lives in the Navajo Nation capital of Window Rock, Arizona, said it only took about two to three years to fully build up their name on the Native American comedy circuit.

“For certain comics, it may take 10 to 15 years to get fully established. For us, we were there in three years. We give that all to the Lord. Once I committed myself to Jesus, doors started opening up to us,” Ernie said.

James, who lives in Farmington, had a good job with benefits as a maintenance worker for the Farmington Schools system when he stepped out on faith to follow his comedy career about 10 years ago.

“In a human sense, you think you need to stay at your job – the one with a steady paycheck and benefits. I remember praying to God to show me direction on what he wanted me to do. When I gave my two-weeks notice, I said ‘Lord, you know the future.’ Not long after, we started getting booked here and there until we had a consistent lineup of shows.”

James and Ernie now average about two to three shows each week. And, while they enjoy sharing their act with people in and around Navajoland, they also have shared great experiences throughout other parts of North...
America. They’ve performed in Florida, upstate New York, South Dakota, Washington, Oregon, California and British Columbia, Canada, to name a few.

“This past year, the economy got us a little bit, but things have picked up this summer. We’ve been totally busy in May and July, so things are picking up again,” Ernie added.

A Positive Influence for the Navajo People

Ernie, who is also a well-known actor across the Navajo Nation, and James both made a commitment together years ago that they would use their comedic talents to promote positive and healthy lifestyles. They also spend time in prayer for audiences after their shows.

“Once I turned my life over to Jesus, one thing I promised I would never do is pull someone down in a negative way. Once I cleaned up, sobered up and gave my life to the Lord, I always wanted to be a positive influence, no matter what,” Ernie said.

Both men are viewed as strong role models for Navajo people, and their images can be seen on billboards across the Southwest with the message “I care if you die in a drunk driving crash tonight.” Drunk driving and drug abuse remain major problems among Navajo people today.

James and Ernie both are married and have children. In addition to setting good examples for their own families, they also try to mentor others along the way.

“Right now I’m mentoring a 19-year-old guy who I take mountain biking as much as I can,” James said. “I’m trying to show him the love that Jesus has shown me, and give him what he needs now.”

The comedy team has visited rehabilitation and youth facilities, and has been invited to do prison visits in the Phoenix area. “We’re also supposed to do something with the Native American troops in Iraq. That’s something we would really like to do,” James said.

Ernie said there is a big absence of father figures in his neighborhood in Window Rock.

“There are three families in my little cul-de-sac, all with single mothers. We’ve been joking that for the past six years I’ve been kind of the neighborhood dad. The moms will send the boys over and say ‘can you talk to my kids?’ I see a lot of issues in my area and other places. A lot of young people have depression and are choosing to use drugs and alcohol. Meth is now the number one drug, over alcohol and marijuana.”

During their three-hour visit to Navajo Ministries in June, James and Ernie spent time playing on the playground with some of the children who live on grounds as part of the Four Corners Home for Children program. Since 1953, more than 1,000 dependent children from difficult family backgrounds have received safe and loving care at Navajo Ministries.

They said they both appreciated the services being offered to primarily Navajo families and children.

“I think it’s important for a young person that’s lost to find a place like this that fills the gap,” Ernie said. “A place like the Four Corners Home for Children can teach life-saving skills and provide a safe environment for children … It’s obvious the people that work here have a real daily passion to help these children.”

James added that the experiences of life have made both men stronger.

“We’re better people, better parents and better husbands for what we’ve been through together. We’re not just a duo on stage. It goes deeper than that. I know this guy inside and out,” James said, looking at Ernie with a smile.

James and Ernie continue to return to their faith in God to provide direction for the future.

“I keep coming back to John 2:17 – ‘Zeal for my Father’s house will consume me.’ I want to be consumed, and I keep working toward that goal,” Ernie added.

More information about the James and Ernie comedy duo is available online at www.jamesandernie.com.
Getting to Chaco Culture National Historical Park is not easy – but the trip off U.S. Highway 550 is certainly worth enduring a 13-mile stretch of bumpy dirt road.

The 45-minute drive into the National Park site actually puts visitors in the proper mindset to see some of the most fascinating ancient American Indian ruins in North America. Located in Northwest New Mexico, Chaco Culture takes everyone on a trip through time, when this area was the most active trade and commerce center in the Four Corners region of Arizona, Colorado, New Mexico and Utah.

The Chacoan people’s cultural development began in the mid-800s A.D. and continued for more than 300 years. Thousands of people lived here over that time period, building with an architectural philosophy that included the construction of multiple-story stone buildings with hundreds of rooms. Known as Great Houses, the remnants of these structures are still quite visible throughout Chaco Canyon.

The largest ruins area is Pueblo Bonito, which towered four stories high with more than 600 rooms and 40 kivas. Other worthwhile stops in Chaco Canyon include Una Vida, located near the Visitor Center, Hungo Pavi and Chetro Ketl, among several others. Many historians believe Chaco Canyon was a central place for massive trade of pottery, jewelry, turquoise and other items of the era.

Today’s descendants of the Chacoan period are the American Indians of the Southwest. Chaco is also central to the origins of several Navajo clans and ceremonies. In addition, many Navajo people live near the National Park site today.

Chaco Culture National Historical Park has miles of marked hiking trails where visitors can truly take in the full experience. Backcountry hiking is also available with a permit. Chaco’s weather, however, can be extreme at an elevation of 6,200 feet. Winters are cold and include many snow storms, while summers are hot, with little available shade and occasional, brief thunderstorms. Bring plenty of water on your trip.

Ranger-guided tours are also available and are a terrific way to discover the hidden secrets of Chaco Canyon. Ø

Information on Chaco Culture National Historical Park

Phone: 505.786.7014
Web site: www.nps.gov/chcu
Mailing address: P.O. Box 220, Nageezi, NM 87037-0220
Good-Bye ... For Now

By Annette Hall

Good-byes are a natural part of life that come in many different forms and are spoken with varying degrees of emotion. We probably say good-bye many times each day without realizing it or at least without it impacting our emotions. We might casually tell our children good-bye as they head to school or our spouse as they leave for work. We say good-bye as we head out the door to perform any number of tasks. Each time we have a telephone conversation we say good-bye to the person on the other end before we finish the call.

There are other good-byes that impact us in a much greater fashion: the mother whose firstborn is going off to college or the young bride as she leaves her childhood home for a brand new life. Those are necessary and natural, but also bittersweet good-byes.

We experienced one of those bittersweet good-byes this summer as we proudly saw John Livingston off to the United States Marines Corps. Jim and Kay Baker had the privilege of joining John’s sister, Sonya, as the three of them took John to Albuquerque for his final check-up and swearing-in ceremony. Everyone enlisting in the Armed Forces of the United States is required to take the enlistment oath. As Jim described it, “John raised his right hand along with the other recruits and stated, ‘I, John Livingston, do solemnly swear that I will support and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic; that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the same; and that I will obey the orders of the President of the United States and the orders of the officers appointed over me, according to regulations and the Uniform Code of Military Justice. So help me God.’”

Shortly afterward, John was whisked off to the airport where he boarded a plane that was California bound. There were many good-byes before John left New Mexico, most particularly on the grounds of Navajo Ministries where John grew up, having moved here at 2 years of age. Many of us have had a part in John’s life and we feel blessed that he is a part of ours.

It was a bittersweet good-bye but a good and necessary one. We will miss him but we are proud of our “Johnny Boy” and look for so much more from him in the years to come. Thank you, to all of you who sponsored him, prayed for him and have been a part of his life in many significant ways over the years. You have helped to shape him and to give his life meaning. John thanks you and we do, too.

Annette Hall is Director of Children and Family Services at Navajo Ministries.

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Employment Opportunities:

We currently have positions open in our childcare department for FULL-TIME HOUSEPARENTS and PART-TIME ASSISTANTS.

If you are interested in joining our team and playing a significant role in the lives of our children, please contact Annette Hall at 505.324.5231 or Annette@NavajoMinistries.org.
Volunteer Jim Althouse also returns this year, and will work with the fourth-graders. In addition to those three teachers, Nina Benally is back as the Navajo culture teacher, and Paula Terpsma will again help as an assistant in the school.

The teachers and students are also looking forward to soon moving into their new home – the Education and Activity Center located near the newer long-term children’s homes. The center, now under construction (see back of magazine), will include new classroom space, a games and activity area, a small library, a new central kitchen and cafeteria, plus more.

While the actual structure is now completed and weathered in, we are still raising funds to complete this much-needed new facility with heating, cooling and other necessary systems. If you would like to help, please contact Eric Fisher, Director of Development, at 505.324.5260 or Fisher@NavajoMinistries.org. It’s wonderful to see what God has planned for these terrific young students!
Coping in a **Stress-Filled World**

**By Bill and Linda Eubank**

Just because we have a personal relationship with the Lord doesn’t mean we don’t struggle with stressful situations. We have heard, and said ourselves, that “life is hard!” We will face times of major stress: loss of a job, loss of a loved one, the end of a marriage, natural catastrophes, or loss of health.

The way we deal with problems or losses has a lot to do with our personality. Type A personalities (determined, high achieving, low tolerance) have a tendency to hit stress head on and avoid the emotion. Those individuals with a more laid back personality (Type B) may find themselves allowing emotion to rule their thinking during these times. No personality type is better: it is just different!

Our family of origin taught us our coping strategies. This training may have been good or bad. If we did not observe the adults in our family putting good coping strategies to work, we may not have ways of dealing with our own stressful situations. Good training would have included observation of conflict resolution and coping with loss in healthy ways (being realistic, processing, talking things out) instead of unhealthy ones (substance abuse, using anger inappropriately or becoming dependent). The good news is that we can always learn new and healthier ways of coping.

So, what can we do to help ourselves or those we love through these times of intense stress? Of course spending more time with the Lord is the first step. When we pour our heart out to our creator and watch Him comfort us and bring new meaning to a rough situation, it allows us to cope in very difficult times. He does this through our close human relationships and consequent circumstances as well as in our personal time in prayer.

We should try to get adequate exercise, eat a healthier diet (especially cutting out simple carbohydrates) and make sure we are getting plenty of rest during times of stress. Building up our immune system helps us cope in stressful times. Long periods of chronic stress can damage our physical and emotional health if we are not practicing a stress-coping lifestyle.

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*Bill and Linda Eubank are licensed professional clinical counselors at The Counseling Center at Navajo Ministries.*
Navajo Ministries was privileged to have four church teams from across the country visit this past summer for Vacation Bible School programs throughout Navajoland.

Vineyard Church of Knox County, Ohio, was the first to visit in late June, returning for their second trip in as many years. Vineyard Church also continued relationships they began last year by returning to Cudei Full Gospel Church to help bring the message of God’s love for all people.

In mid-July, a Lutheran church from Steamboat Springs, Colorado, teamed with members from an Evangelical Free Church in Connecticut to travel throughout the week to a Navajo church in Nageezi, New Mexico. While Navajo Ministries has long been an interdenominational ministry, this VBS partnership certainly proved it as the two teams admirably worked together just like the body of Christ is intended.

The final team came in late July from Central Presbyterian Church in Chambersburg, Pennsylvania. They were blessed to be a part of the VBS outreach at Desert View Church in Upper Fruitland, New Mexico.

Navajo Ministries would like to offer our sincere thanks to these special, dedicated VBS teams. Below are some of the comments shared by VBS team members about their experiences here over the summer:

- It gives me great joy to see smiles on the children’s faces and feel that we touched them in a small way.
- I was touched when one child came to me after the lesson and said, “Is it really true that nothing is too big or small for God?”
- This week renewed my desire to serve Jesus wherever He leads. I am so amazed and saddened at the same time ... I want to stay longer.
- It has shown me that the word of salvation through Jesus Christ is planted in ways we can’t imagine. Kids of all ages respond to God's love in many ways.
- God has been showing me and teaching me genuine love and compassion toward others and that it is He who I can trust.
- This was a real affirmation that God removes distance and cultural barriers when we realize that we are all brothers and sisters in Christ.
Radio Station Enjoys Being Part of World Series

By Wendy Curtin

August in Farmington, New Mexico brings the San Juan County Fair, monsoon rain and thunderstorms, and the Connie Mack World Series. Farmington has hosted the “finest amateur tournament in baseball” since 1965, and Vertical Radio is privileged to be the official CMWS broadcasting station.

Nine teams from around the United States, Canada and Puerto Rico, as well as the host team, the Strike Zone Cardinals, gathered here to compete with the best of the best among 16-18 year old baseball players. Professional baseball and college scouts can often be found in the stands at the Connie Mack World Series.

Family and friends of the players listened through the audio streaming at www.verticalradio.org and felt like they were actually at the game. The Vertical Sports team did a fantastic job painting a picture of Ricketts Park for eight days and nights, and we received numerous e-mails to give “shout outs” and to thank the station for broadcasting the games.

This year, in addition to e-mail, fans also had the option of joining in conversations and viewing photos of the games on our Facebook fan page: Vertical Radio 88.9. If you are on Facebook, you can view more photos of the 2010 Connie Mack World Series, thanks to our photographer of the week, Curtis Ray Benally.

Speaking of the host team, we are so proud of the Strike Zone Cardinals, who won two games before losing the next two, eliminating them from the series. The Midland Redskins, from Cincinnati, won the series. They were undefeated until Championship Night when they played the DBAT Mustangs from Texas. DBAT made them work for it by winning the early game, which led to a double-header. Midland won the second game by only one run. What a great series!

On the night of the championship game, we honored Kim Carpenter, Executive Director of Vertical Sports. This year was Kim’s last to announce for Vertical Sports, at least for a couple of years. Kim has been the Executive Director of Vertical Sports since its inception in 1996. His passion has always been sports, especially baseball. He has 15 years broadcasting experience, 11 of those during the Connie Mack World Series. Kim’s passion and dedication has raised the bar for sports announcing in the Four Corners, and we have been blessed to have him at Vertical Radio. Congratulations to Kim Carpenter, incoming Vice Chairman of the Connie Mack World Series Committee. We wish the Carpenter family many blessings and thank Kim for his dedication to Vertical Sports.

Wendy Curtin is host of the “Lunch Crunch” show on Vertical Radio.
Creating **Childhood Memories**

As we begin a new school year, we see a variety of emotions on the faces of our students. Some are excited, while others are a bit fearful of the unknown in a new school setting. That’s why we’re so thankful for our On-Site School that provides a comfortable environment for our elementary students.

We all have memories from our childhood … some good, some bad. Through the love and compassion of our houseparents and counselors we strive to provide good memories for the youngsters in our care, even though they currently can’t be with their natural parents. Your Living Memorial gift provides extra funds for our childcare program. You are helping us provide good memories.

Listed here are the names of those who provided a gift in memory of or in honor of a loved one. A beautiful card of remembrance will be sent to the family of the one you are designating. No amounts will be mentioned. You can use the enclosed envelope to indicate your wishes. All gifts are tax deductible and will be receipted.

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Partner With Us To Complete The New Education And Activity Center!

Construction of the much-needed Education and Activity Center (pictured) continues to see progress, and we are still raising funds to fully complete the building. Next up will be the final coat of stucco, interior sheetrock work, a retaining wall, heating and cooling systems, electrical work, and other necessary projects.

Those who give $500 or more will receive a special, hand-crafted “thank you” candle in the shape of a hogan.

We would be honored to have you partner with us in completing the Education and Activity Center, which is phase one of the larger Navajo Heritage Center project.

To make a financial gift to this amazing project, please use the envelope located in the center of this magazine. Simply write “Education and Activity Center” on the inside of the envelope, and you will be helping move this project closer to completion.

More information on the overall Navajo Heritage Center project is available at www.NavajoHeritageCenter.org, or by contacting Director of Development Eric Fisher at 505.324.5260 or Fisher@NavajoMinistries.org.